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SUBJECT: PW/MIA: VISIT OF STAFFDEL GOLDSMITH

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1. SUMMARY - DURING HIS DECEMBER 4-7 VISIT TO SAIGON MR. GOLDSMITH MET WITH AMBASSADOR MARTIN AND OTHER SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE MISSION, KEY GVN OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH MIA ISSUE AND CHIEFS OF DRV AND RPG DELEGATIONS TO CIMJT. DISCUSSIONS WITH DRV AND PRG DELEGATION LEADERS YIELDED NO INFORMATION ON US MIA/DIC. END SUMMARY

2. MR. GOLDSMITH, SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE STAFF MEMBER, ACCOMPANIED BY CAPTAIN KNEALE, USN, OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS, DOD, VISITED SAIGON DECEMBER 4-7 TO STUDY PW/MIA SITUATION. DISCUSSIONS WITH AMBASSADOR MARTIN AND OTHER SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE MISSION HIGHLIGHTED THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND MILITARY SITUATION IN ADDITION TO EXPLORING FPJMT/MIA MATTERS. US MISSION OFFICIALS MADE POINTS REPORTED REF B.

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3. STAFFDEL ALSO MET WITH FOLLOWING KEY GVN OFFICIALS IN FPJMT/MIA FIELD: LGEN DANG VAN QUANG, MILITARY ADVISOR TO PRESIDENT THIEU, BGEN PHAN HOA HIEP, CHIEF OF RVNDEL TO TPJMC AND COL. DUONG HIEU NGHIA, CHIEF OF RVNDEL TO FPNKT. THESE GVN OFFICIALS EXPRESSED VIEWS ALONG SAME LINES AS STATED IN PARA 2 ABOVE.

4. STAFFDEL MET SEPARATELY WITH DRV AND PRGDEL CHIEFS. STAFFDEL CHARACTERIZED HOUR MEETING WITH PRGDEL CHIEF, COL. SON AND HIS DEPUTY MAJOR SINH AS POLITE BUT UNPRODUCTIVE. COL. SON GAVE ASSURANCES OF PRG GOODWILL AND INTENTION TO IMPLEMENT ARTICLE 8(B) AND DID NOT ACCUSE US OF VIOLATING CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT, BUT HE DECLINED MR. GOLDSMITH'S INVITATION TO DISCUSS KRJMT ISSUES AND CAPT. KNEALE'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON CERTAIN SPECIFIC US MIA.

5. ATMOSPHERE AT HOUR MEETING FOLLOWING DAY WITH ACTING DRVDEL CHIEF COL. NGUYEN DON TU AND HIS DEPUTY LT. COL. DAI WAS DECIDEDLY DIFFERENT. STAFFDEL WAS BOMBARDED WITH LENGTHY AND DETAILED LIST OF ALLEGED US CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS (RECCE FLIGHTS OVER NVN, QTE ILLEGAL UNQTE ARMS SHIPMENTS TO RVN, US MILITARY ADVISORS DISGUISED AS CIVILIANS, ETC.). STAFFDEL EFFORTS TO ENGAGE IN A SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION OF FPJMT/MIA MATTERS SUCH AS REPATRIATION OF DIC FROM NVN WERE REBUFFED.

6. COMMENT: STAFFDEL APPEARED GENUINELY RECEPTIVE AND SYMPATHETIC TO US/RVN/VIEWS ON PRESENT FPJMT/MIA SITUATION. WE BELIEVE THAT MEETINGS WITH DRV AND PRGDELS SERVED TO REINFORCE OUR COMMENTS ON DIFFICULTIES OF NEGOTIATING WITH COMMUNISTS. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPIES OF ANY MEMCONS PREPARED BY STAFFDEL ON MEETINGS WITH DRV AND PRGDELS.
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